

On Friday, March 1, 2013, the House Judiciary and Health & Government Operations Committees will hold a joint hearing on the following bills:

HB 107	Del Gutierrez, et al	Firearms - Detachable Magazines - Maximum Capacity for Ammunition
HB 294	The Spkr (Admin), et al	Firearm Safety Act of 2013 (Jointly assigned to JUD and HGO)
HB 477	Del Simmons	Firearms - Conviction for Crime of Violence - Probation Before Judgment
HB 545	Del Howard	Task Force to Study the Impact of Assault Weapons
HB 643	Del Boteler, et al	Public Safety - Regulated Firearms - Exemption from Training Course
HB 809	Del Simmons, et al	Frarms - Crim Jus Info Sys Cen Repository - Rptg, Qualifs for Possession, and Relief from Disqualif (Jointly assigned to HGO and JUD)
HB 810	Del Simmons, et al	Mental Health Professionals - Duty to Report Risk of Serious Harm - Firearm Safety (Jointly assigned to HGO and JUD)
HB 874	Dels Rosenberg and Simmons	Task Force to Study Access of Individuals with Mental Illness to Regulated Firearms - Extension (Jointly assigned to HGO and JUD)
HB 989	Del Conaway	Public Safety - High-Capacity Magazines - Exceptions
HB 1133	Del Wilson, et al	Pub Saf - Restrictions on Possession of Firearms - Convicted Felons and People with Mental Disorders (Jointly assigned to HGO and JUD)
HB 1191	Del Rosenberg, et al	Maryland Assault Weapons Ban of 2013
HB 1457	Del Clippinger	Public Safety - Regulated Firearm Application - Required Information and Warnings

The hearing on these bills will begin at 12:00 noon in the Joint Hearing Room in the Legislative Services Building.

Those who wish to testify will be able to sign up in the House Office Building at 6 Bladen Street, Annapolis, MD 21401 beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Friday March 1.

Individuals wishing to enter any of the government buildings in the Annapolis complex will be asked to present a government issued photo ID.

The committees will receive testimony from bill sponsors and expert witnesses (both proponents and opponents) from noon until approximately 4:00 p.m.

In an effort to allow as many citizens as possible to speak on Friday, testimony following expert witness testimony will be limited to one minute per person.

Anyone wishing to offer written testimony is asked to bring 70 copies to the House Office Building on the day of hearing.

Due to the number of people expected to attend the hearing, building capacity (as determined by the State Fire Marshal) and time limitations could make it unlikely that the committees will be able to receive in-person testimony from every individual who wishes to testify. However, there are a number of other ways that citizens can register their opinions on this issue with their elected representatives including email, written correspondence, written testimony and phone calls. Contact information for State legislators is available online at

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmmain.aspx?pid=legisrpage&tab=subject6>

As with all public hearings, the hearing on Friday will be live streamed and available to watch over the Internet in its entirety at the following web address: <http://mgahouse.maryland.gov/House/Catalog/catalogs/default.aspx> To view the hearing select: “2013 Joint Hearing Room” from the left menu, then “Friday, March 01, 2013” from the “Air Date” column.